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Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116

In the Drawings, delete Figure 9 and add new Figure 9 therefore and add new Figures 10 and 11.

In the Specification, add new paragraphs as follows

On page 11, after the paragraph starting with, "Figure 8 shows , , , ." and ending with, "... bowler's finger in one direction," , delete the paragraph,

Figure 9, shows in a flow chart, a process of a preferred embodiment of the disclosed method

and add the following paragraphs.

Insert New Paragraphs

Figure 9 shows the inventive method described in a series of steps for using a finger pad shield placed in contact with the finger pad of a bowler's finger inserted into a finger hole of a bowling ball, to reduce the pressure on the finger pad when releasing the bowling ball from the bowler's finger and to improve a bowler's control over a direction or spin on a bowling ball, when lifting the bowling ball to impart spin and velocity, at release.

Figure 10 shows the bowler's aid used in applying lift to the ball at the ball's release, as known to those skilled in the art, with the bowler's thumb removed from the ball, the bowler's middle or index fingers applying force to the bowling ball finger holes through the finger pad shield and the counter force of the bowling ball against the finger pad shield and against the contact area formed by the finger pad shield and the finger pad.